

Amendments to the specification

Please replace paragraph 3 on page 21 with the following rewritten paragraph 3:

The upstream regulatory regions of *taRAFTIN1a* and *taRAFTIN1b* coding regions were isolated from the hexaploid wheat cultivar Karma (genetic complements: AABBDD) using a Universal GENOMEWALKER ~~GenomeWalker~~[™] Kit (Universal GENOMEWALKER ~~GenomeWalker~~[™] Kits are manufactured by Clontech, Palo Alto, CA and provide a polymerase chain reaction method for walking upstream or downstream in genomic DNA from a known sequence, such as an expressed sequence tag, and allows construction of libraries from the genome of any species). Two nested reverse primers, OL3070 (5'TCCAGCCTGAACCGCGACCAGGGTGGT3') (SEQ ID NO: 12) and OL3071 (5'GTGGTGGCGAGGAGGGCGACGAGGAA3') (SEQ ID NO: 13) were used for the first and second PCR. The resulting two fragments of 1.7 kb for *taRAFTIN1a* and 2.1 kb for *taRAFTIN1b* were cloned into a T/A vector (Invitrogen). The inserts were completely sequenced.